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LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY OFFICE**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-15-49**
September 21, 2015PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, fact sheet, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Colstrip Energy Limited Partnership

FACILITY NAME: Rosebud Power Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: Township 3 North, Range 42 East, Section 10, Rosebud County

RECEIVING WATER: Ephemeral Tributary to East Fork Armells Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0031780

The Rosebud Power Plant is an existing 37 megawatt coal-fired steam electric generating plant located in Rosebud County Montana. The facility is proposing to add a new outside coal storage pile and to construct a storm water control pond to capture runoff from the coal pile storage area. Runoff from the pile will be routed to a storm water collection pond which is designed to hold the volume of runoff generated by a 10-year, 24-hour precipitation event plus 1 foot of freeboard.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS October 21, 2015. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS October 21, 2015 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail

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the Department at DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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